

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mrs. Mary Lasker  
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Kirkland, Arizona

Dear Mary:

Thanks so much for your letter of April 6th. So you are out in Arizona! Oh, how I envy you! Two years ago Mrs. Humphrey and I spent a pleasant two weeks at Bill Benton's place just outside Phoenix. It was heavenly. I need that same relaxation again, out in the open air and the wonderful sunshine of Arizona.

Yes, Mary, I did call you in New York. I am anxious to talk with you. It is always a pleasure to see you, but I am sure that both of us have many things we would like to visit about concerning pending legislation. We are going to have a terrible time on our hands this year to protect the appropriations for some of the medical research programs.

The bill I introduced for health service facilities, S 1052, is similar to the bill I presented two years ago. You may recall that I held extensive hearings at that time and was able to report the bill out of committee. We never got any action on it, however, in the Senate. I am going to ask Senator Taft to give us a boost this year, but the possibilities do not look too good. I guess we will just have to keep working and not lose patience. There is another election coming up, and that is when we can really set the ground work for effective legislative policy.

Do let me know just a few days ahead when you plan to come to Washington. We ought to have an evening so we can really talk. I am sure many of your friends here would love to see you.

Best wishes from Mrs. Humphrey and me.

Sincerely yours,

  
Hubert H. Humphrey